

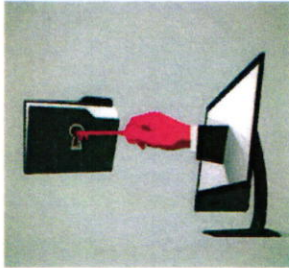


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Elections Security: States Teaming Up Cheyenne

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As you know, elections security is one of this year's **hottest issues**, whether threats come from international or domestic sources.

Running successful elections in the current environment means state lawmakers must do everything they can to protect against intrusions into voter data and tampering with elections technology—and to bolster voter confidence. It is imperative for democracy that state policymakers work together to swiftly review and strengthen state laws and practices on how Americans vote.

NCSL knows that best practices are adopted when key actors work together. This meeting will convene lawmakers focused on elections from rural western states as well as chief election officials and national elections security experts. Together, we will identify policy options to strengthen your state's elections practices.

LOCATION

Meeting Location:

3001 E. Pershing Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY

Jonah Business Center ("Jonah Building"), Room L51

RESOURCES

[EAC chart on HAVA funds disbursed to states](#)

[NCSL webpage on Election Security: State Policies](#)

Article's from NCSL's newsletter The Canvass:

[Cybersecurity for Elections: Everyone's Responsibility](#)

[Elections Security: A Priority for Everyone](#)

[Security and Elections: What Legislators Need to Know](#)

Powerpoint Presentations:

[Defending Digital Democracy](#)

[Elections Security: From Registration to Election Night Reporting](#)

[The Human Element in Cyber Security](#)

[What To Do If Hacked](#)

Document with list of election security resources:

[Defending Digital Democracy's Election Cyber Incident Communications Coordination Guide](#)

[Defending Digital Democracy's State and Local Election Cybersecurity Playbook](#)

[EAC Election Security Preparedness](#)

Center for Internet Security:

[A Handbook for Elections Infrastructure Security](#)

[Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center \(EI-ISAC\)](#)

Other Resources

[EAC Elections Security \(video\)](#)

[PEW: Online Voter Registration Across the U.S.](#)

[A Gentle Introduction to Risk-limiting Audits](#)

[Report on Cyber Vulnerabilities in US Election Equipment](#)

[2020 Vision: Election Security in the Age of Committed Foreign Threats](#)

AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

1 p.m.	Visit the Laramie County Elections Office
309 W 20th St., Cheyenne	Optional tour – please RSVP if you would like to attend.
3 p.m.	Welcome, Introductions and Audience Questions
Wyoming State Capitol -- Jonah Building, 3001 E. Pershing Blvd.	We'll be welcomed to the Cowboy State by Wyoming Senator Cale Case and Representative Dan Zwonitzer. All attendees will introduce themselves, and offer one question or concern they hope to see addressed during the next 24 hours. Moderator: Wendy Underhill, NCSL
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Elections Security 101
	What's the threat landscape for elections? Who are the bad actors and what are they trying to do? What resources are available to states and candidates? Speaker: Caitlin Conley, Matthew McCalpin and Irene Solaiman, Defending Digital Democracy Project, Harvard Kennedy School
5- 5:30 p.m.	The Human Element in Election Security
	Security is at least as much about human behavior as it is about thwarting cyber threats. What role do each of us play in securing elections? Phishing, passwords, dual authentication, a culture of security ... Security is everyone's job. Speaker: Dan Volkosh, Denver Elections Division
6:00 p.m.	Reception and Dinner at the Governor's Mansion
5001 Central Ave.	<i>(Invite Only)</i>

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast at Hotel (on your own) (If carpooling to the Jonah Building, meet in the lobby at 8:15 for the half mile drive.)
8:30 – 10 a.m. Wyoming State Capitol -- Jonah Building, 3001 E. Pershing Blvd.	Threats to Voter Registration How do voter registration systems work? What are the variations between states represented at this meeting? How are these systems kept secure now? Where are potential security gaps? What legislative policy choices might apply? Speakers: Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology Katy Owens Hubler, founder and senior policy specialist, Democracy Research
10--10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15-Noon	Threats to Voting Itself How does voting work? What are the variations between states represented at this meeting? How are these systems kept secure now? Where are the potential security gaps? What legislative policy choices might apply? Speakers: Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology Katy Owens Hubler, founder and senior policy specialist, Democracy Research
Noon-12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
12:45 -1:15 p.m.	Threats to Reporting Results How are election results reported? How are these systems kept secure? Where are the potential security gaps? Speaker: Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	Voter Confidence: How Information and Misinformation Play a Role What role does the state play in communications with press and the public on election security? What role do local election officials play? What message can legislators call to their constituents that is both truthful and bolsters confidence?

Moderator: Patrick Potyondy, NCSL Staff

Speakers: State Election Directors

1:45 – 2 p.m.

BREAK

2– 2:30 p.m.

Resources States Can Tap

Learn what resources the federal government, the private sector and state collaborations can offer to protect elections. (Good news: the federal omnibus spending bill passed in April includes funding for election security.)

Speaker: Dylan Lynch, NCSL Staff

2:30 - 3 p.m.

Ask Anything/Share Anything

If you have something on your mind about elections, let's hear it.

Share any actions you plan to take once you are back home.

Moderator: Wendy Underhill, NCSL staff

SPEAKER BIOS

Dan Volkosh, Legal and Compliance Administrator, Denver Elections Division

Dan Volkosh is the legal and compliance administrator for the Denver Elections Division where he operates in state election law, municipal law, and campaign finance. He is also co-chair of the Colorado County Clerks' Association Election Statute Review Committee and a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator through the Election Center. Before joining the City and County of Denver, he worked as a legal analyst with the Colorado Secretary of State's office. He is a graduate of both the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and St. Bonaventure University.

Maurice Turner, Senior Technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology

Maurice Turner is senior technologist at the Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT), a Washington, DC-based non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring the internet remains open, innovative and free. Supporting work across all of CDT's programmatic areas, Turner focuses on the Election Security and Privacy Project identifying and updating election cybersecurity practices and infrastructure, and working through other remedies. As a TechCongress Congressional Innovation Fellow in 2017, he served the Republican staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (reporting to Chairman Sen. Ron Johnson) supporting on cybersecurity issues. His previous employers include the City of Newport Beach, EarthLink Municipal Networks, Center for Democracy and Technology, Coro Foundation, United Medical Center Hospital, U.S. Department of Transportation, and Apple. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Cal State Fullerton, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California, and a graduate certificate in cybersecurity strategy from Georgetown University.

Katy Owens Hubler, Founder and Senior Policy Specialist, Democracy Research

Katy Owens Hubler specializes in elections administration policy and the convergence of government and technology. Her background is in state-level elections policy, practical election administration and international democratization issues. She previously served as a senior policy specialist in elections at NCSL, and has also worked for the Denver Elections Division and The Carter Center's Democracy Program. Katy's recent consulti

projects include a continuation of work with NCSL; support for the Voting Equipment Selection Committee (VESC) on behalf of the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office; the creation of an online election observation training course; and assisting the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) with the development of a common data format for election systems. Owens Hubler has a bachelor's degree in international affairs from Lewis and Clark College, and a master's degree in political science from the University of Colorado, Denver.

Kai Schon, Election Division Director, Wyoming Secretary of State's Office

Kai Schon is responsible for overseeing the Election Division and ensuring the uniform application of Wyoming election and lobbying laws. He and his division are tasked with overseeing the statewide voter registration system, the state initiative and referendum process, candidate filing, lobbyist registration and reporting, voting system certification and campaign finance reporting. Kai has worked in the Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office for over 10 years and was integral in the rollout of Wyoming's current statewide voter registration application and online campaign finance information system. Kai and his team are passionate about seeing every citizen exercise their right to vote. More specifically, he wants to see the younger demographic become increasingly more active and vibrant participants in the complete electoral process.

Dana Corson, Director of Elections and Voter Services, Montana Secretary of State's Office

Dana Corson has been with the state for 28 years, spending about four years with the Auditor's Office working on the State Payroll, Budget, Personnel, Warrant Writer, Insurance and Securities regulation systems. He was then very fortunate to work about 13 years with the Montana Supreme Court focusing on court case management systems and with the 56 Montana Clerks of Court. Dana has been with the office of the MT Secretary of State the last eleven years working with the voter registration system, election night reporting, and on the new project implementations for UCC and the business services initiatives. He started in the role of Director of Elections and Voter Services late last August.

Tim Hurst, Idaho Election Director, Idaho Secretary of State

Tim Hurst has worked for Cassia County, Idaho as chief deputy clerk, auditor and recorder and later was hired for the newly created position of County Administrator. Tim worked with elections from 1976 through 2002 at the county and local level. He was appointed chief deputy Secretary of State on January 1, 2003. He has served as chief deputy for former Secretary Ysursa and now for Secretary Denney. He is a member of the Idaho Secretary of State's Election Task Force and the Help America Vote Act State Planning Committee and is a member of the Coalition for Transparency in State Elections. He is also serving on the federal Election Assistance Commission Standards Board. Tim graduated from Idaho State University.

Sean Wiese, North Dakota Chief Information Security Officer

Sean is an information security professional with more than 16 years in information security and more than 28 years in information technology, working in the utility and telecom industries, state and local government, and private sector. In his current role as Chief Information Security Officer for the State of North Dakota, Sean manages North Dakota's Information Security Program which is designed to protect the systems, networks and data resources of North Dakota and its citizens. Sean holds a Certified Information Systems Security Professional certification as well as a Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control certification.

Caitlin Conley, Matthew McCalpin, and Irene Solaiman are a part of the Defending Digital Democracy Project at Harvard Kennedy School

Directed by Eric Rosenbach and featuring the former campaign managers for Hillary Clinton and Mitt Romney along with experts from the national security and technology communities, including Facebook and Google, the Defending Digital Democracy Project aims to identify and recommend strategies, tools, and technology to protect democratic processes and systems from cyber and information attacks. By creating a unique and bipartisan team comprised of top-notch political operatives and leaders in the cyber and national security world, D3P intends to offer concrete solutions to an urgent problem.

NCSL Member Toolbox

Members Resources

- Get Involved With NCSL
- Jobs Clearinghouse
- Legislative Careers
- NCSL Staff Directories
- Staff Directories
- StateConnect Directory
- Terms and Conditions

Policy & Research Resources

- Bill Information Service
- Legislative Websites
- NCSL Bookstore
- State Legislatures Magazine

Accessibility Support

- Tel: 1-800-659-2656 or 711
- Accessibility Support
- Accessibility Policy

Meeting Resources

- Calendar
- Online Registration

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- NCSL in the News
- Press Releases

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